

HOLSINGERISMS.

In the absence of Pastor Knepper, brother W. A. Seibert and I conducted the funeral services of brother Jesse A. Landis, whose obituary notice will be found elsewhere. I conducted his wife's funeral many years ago. She was sister Mary, daughter of brother John S. Meyers. He married again, but thought he made a mistake, and continued to trouble himself about it until he lost his mind, and for several years was confined at Dixmont, where he died. His friends, especially his aged mother, were much distressed over his derangement. We tried to console them with these thoughts: Brother Jesse sought Christ, and we believe found peace with God while in youth, and in possession of all his faculties, as every sane man should do. He participated in all the ordinances of the church, and obeyed all the commandments of Christ, and as far as we know lived an upright Christian life, while he was in his right mind. What more can be said of any man? How few people retain the full use of their minds up to the last moment. How few even to the last day or hour. How many old people are "childish" for years before they are set at liberty from this prison house of clay. I have in my mind now an elder of the church, and a very dear friend of mine, who was for several years before his death an imbecile if not an idiot. The body and not the soul is the cause of insanity. In the next world we will have spiritual bodies, which will not be subject to such disorders, for they will be incorruptible. And God can as easily restore the sound mind to those who had wrought out their salvation while they were themselves, and then were insane for years, as he can raise up those who were delirious or unconscious for only an hour before their death. We offer these thoughts for the encouragement of all who may be similarly distressed.

We had the pleasure lately of attending communion at Listie. It was the first for four years with our brethren in the east. Had a pleasant visit with Sisters Trent and Hunter; but how we did miss Brother William, who joined the church triumphant since our last visit to that congregation. But, though we loved him in the Lord, we would not wish him back again; we would rather go to where we believe he is.

We also spent several days very pleasantly at sister Eliza Musselman's at Somerset. She is also a widow as well as her eldest daughter; so that in the two families referred to there are four widows. Although we enjoyed their hospitality, we

neither "robbed their houses" nor made "long prayers" in them. Also made a call upon brother Daniel S. and sister Mary Miller, who are the happy parents of a large family of interesting and intelligent children, several of whom belong to the Brethren Church, and reside in western states. They think an earnest effort of evangelism in Somerset would succeed in establishing a church there. So do I. Why not? Somerset is not beyond convincing and conviction, and needs conversion badly enough indeed. But who is there to do it?

Spent a day with Brother Mackey of Meyersdale last week. He has a large field and much work, but is able to do it all and he does it well. Mackey and Knepper are the only pastors in charge in Somerset county: Nine appointments—three sermons each every Sunday. There would be work enough in the county for two more such men. There isn't any time for loafing nor gossiping, nor smoking—or any other like nonsense, for men who are thus harnessed up into God's work. With all their work they are thriving and enlarging physically, mentally and spiritually, and are growing in favor with God and with the people. I know whereof I write, and it affords me sincere pleasure to say what I have said of them.

My health is again improving slowly. If it continues in that way I will go to Washington City and Philadelphia next week, and visit brother A. H. Cassel, the Antiquarian, with a view of gathering data of the early history of the Brethren Church for my book, of which I may have something farther to say before long.

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WEST INDEPENDENCE, OHIO.

In as much as you have not heard from this place for some time I thought I would write to let the readers of the EVANGELIST know that we still have an existence tho we do not always sound our trumpet for the praise of men. We are still holding forth the word of truth in our weak form, meeting however with some success. Our services are well attended and the interest seems very good, however the great political question which has aroused such a wonderful degree of enthusiasm seems to have retarded the work of the church to some extent, which to my mind is *very* wrong while it is true that our church members are composed of men who are members of the various political parties that should not in the least prevent us from loving each other and serving our God to his divine acceptance and to the prosperity of his church. If men were as

deeply interested in religious matters as they are in political matters, what a wonderful work could be done. Come now brethren let us keep before us first of all the cause of Christ, the salvation of human souls; let us be men and stand above political affiliations. Last Sabbath was our regular day here, preached at 11 o'clock, had dinner, then drove about eight miles to the river and baptized two sisters, Mrs. Rose Krabill and her daughter Artie. Sister Krabill is the wife of brother Hiram Krabill whom it was our pleasure to elect and install last Spring as one of our deacons. Sister Artie is quite young, being only eight years old; thus mother and daughter start together in the new life. May the blessed spirit of God ever guide and keep them. To be permitted to baptize and receive into the church of Christ such little lambs is surely enough to make one rejoice. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Consecration services were observed at the church at the evening services where we were met with a good congregation. Thus the good work is moving on. Brethren pray for us and the prosperity of the church.

W. S. WHITE.

THE MISSION WORK.

I earnestly request that all parties pledging help to the Mission Board to send at least a part of the amount in at once. We need money for the work. Different points are calling for help, and now is the time to push the work. The harvest is ripe and means can be used in putting laborers in the field. Brothers and Sisters, send in at once, help us, help others. Brother J. C. Mackey of Meyersdale, Pa., has offered himself for India, and the Indiana Conference pledged two hundred dollars to start the work. It may take nearly a year for Brother Mackey to get ready to go. It may take less, but he is a level-headed, consecrated man and will go at the right time, and will do the right work. There are other places of work, and we will make reports later. All communications concerning home and foreign work will be promptly attended to.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Sec. General Mission Board.

It is Solomon who says, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Thus thinking is seen to be vitally related to character. It is Thackeray who says, "We sow a thought and reap an act; we sow an act and reap habit; we sow a habit and reap character; we sow character and reap destiny."—Ex.